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TAPS HAS SOUNDED FOR THOMAS BROWN HUDSON

Tom Hudson as we all know him is no longer in our midst because he graduated from this life to that celestial palace in the sky. GOD said, "Come home, Tom; you have suffered long enough on this Earth." Tom Hudson checked in at the Paramount Hospital in Long Beach, California on Sunday evening January 20th and, within a few moments, he had a serious Heart Seizure. Tom's wife Phyliss was in the same hospital at the time, recovering from surgery. Phyliss was taken to his bedside while the doctors were working on him and she talked to Tom for a few moments, but she wasn't sure he recognized her so she said, "I will see you in the morning, Tom." The next morning at 9:30 A. M., January 21st Tom had a fatal Heart Seizure. Tom was 58 years of age and was born October 15th, 1921.

I believe that every Wooden Money Collector in Canada and America will miss and grieve for the loss of this unusual man. Tom was a very Patriotic American and far more religious than most people realized. I do not believe he had an enemy in the world. His Honesty and Integrity was beyond reproach. In my opinion, Tom Hudson knew more about the various issues of wooden money, their History and Rarity than any person on Earth. Among his many writings, the most popular was Tom Hudson's "Guide Book of Wooden Money" which was followed by the 7th Edition co-authored by M. Wayne Dennis, of Torrance, California, who was a very close friend.

Rev. George Y. Nishikawa conducted the service at 3:00 P. M. TOM Brown Hudson was buried in his Navy Uniform with full Military Honours. After Taps had sounded, I was privileged to bring Tom's Eulogy. I believe that Tom Hudson was the most avid Wooden Money Collector I have ever seen. Tom was an active member of practically Wooden Money Club in Canada and America. He never missed a meeting of the California Wooden Money Association unless he was sick or away from home, yet he had to travel over 100 miles to each meeting. Tom was twice President of The International Order of Wooden Money Collectors and was President of C. W. M. A. in 1979; and I installed him as 1st Vice President of C. W. M. A. January 1980. I congratulated Tom on his good work and willingness to continue serving our club. Tom said, "I will try, and I hope that I can make it." We all grieve because he didn't.

Tom Hudson lived and breathed Wooden Money. I think he had Wooden Money for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, and then probably had two wooden nickels before going to bed. I wouldn't be surprised if Tom wasn't up there in Heaven, right now, trying to convince the Angels to plow up the streets of gold and repave them with Wooden Nickels because a Dollar is only worth a dime while a Wooden Nickel is worth a Dollar. After the eulogy, I closed the Service with Prayer.

I am not going to say Good-bye to Tom. I am just going to say So Long

because we will meet again when the Roll is called up Yonder in the sweet Bye and Bay. I count it a privilege just to have known this very unusual man. May God Bless and keep you, Tom.

So-Long Friend,

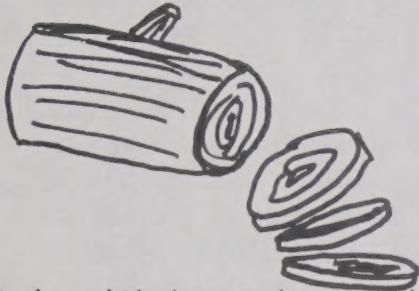
Earl Richard O'Cathey.

P.S.: For those who would like to send Sympathy Cards, please mail them to

His Widow: Phyliss Hudson,
10470 Greenhurst St.,
Bellflower, Calif. 90706,
U. S. A.

His Son & Daughter: Kelvin & Janet Hudson,
258 Merchant Rd.,
Rochester, N. Y. 14609,
U. S. A.

EDITOR'S LOG:



First of all, I feel I must apologize to all members for the delay in getting the January issue out to members. The printing service I had been using suddenly doubled the cost of printing TIMBER TALK - to a point where the cost of publishing the newsletter became prohibitive! It thus became necessary to make some new printing arrangements before proceeding with the January issue.

It is with heavy hearts indeed that we say our final good-byes to Thomas B. Hudson. Tom was a true pioneer in wooden money collecting: his books and other writings on the subject stand as a fitting memorial to the man who did so much to advance the state of our hobby. Tom will always hold a special place in the hearts of those people who were fortunate enough to know him. We extend our deepest sympathies to Tom's wife Phyliss, and to his children Kelvin and Janet.

MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS... MEETINGS...

The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS will hold meetings in Western, Central, and Eastern Canada, this Spring.

On Saturday, April 26, 1980, we will hold a meeting at 3:30 P. M. at the Calgary Numismatic Society's coin show in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta. Incidentally, this show features a special category for wooden money, for what the show committee believes to be the first time at a coin show in Western Canada.

On Saturday, May 10, 1980, a C. A. W. M. C. meeting will be held at the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association's 15th anniversary Spring Rally, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. More details will be released when available.

In addition, we anticipate continuing with the meetings we have been having at the Ontario Numismatic Association and Canadian Numismatic Association annual conventions, as in the past years. Once again, we will give more information when it becomes available.

President Don Robb has given the go-ahead on another proposal by your Editor; this one, for a Calgary-based committee to begin preparing slide series dealing with wooden money, as none are yet known to exist.

C. L. C. C. MOVES TO CANADA

This Winter, the Canadian Large Cents Club celebrates two important events. The club completes its fifth year after being founded by Gary Littrell of Amarillo, Texas; and in 1980, the organization will be headquartered for the first time in Canada.

Littrell organized the club in 1975 and served as its President for three years, while also acting as Editor of the C. L. C. C. newsletter, "Party Line". Leslie A. Winners, of Pineville, Louisiana, has been the President and Editor during 1978 and 1979. The club is proud to announce that Louis "Scoop" Lewry, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, will serve as Editor and guide of the club's activities during the current year.

C. L. C. C. membership has ranged from 150 to over 200 over the past five years. The club has issued over 20 wooden nickels and tokens to promote collecting large cents and numismatics in general. The woods have been acclaimed for their designs, colour, and "proof-like" finishes. C. L. C. C. woods have won first place in design contests sponsored by the Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors for the past two years.

The large cent organization has been very involved in Canada and United States National Coin Week activities with Littrell and Winners serving on the Canadian National Coin Week Committee. Last year, C. L. C. C. was the only coin club to recruit ten or more new members for the Canadian Numismatic Association during Coin Week activities. The club is a member of both the C. N. A. and A. N. A.

The club's newsletter, "Party Line", allows members to exchange views and discoveries about the low mintage large cents. Several new die varieties have been identified by the membership. The club conducted a large cent survey in 1975-76, in which 96,000 large cents were reported. Based on a "relative scarcity index" tied in with original mintages, the five most scarce large cents were identified as: 1894, 1890H, 1858, 1900, and 1892. Large cent trends appear periodically in the newsletter and recently Winners has provided very interesting articles on "Grading the Canadian and Maritimes Large Cents".

Anyone interested in joining C. L. C. C. may write to: Louis H. Lewry, 1161 - 3rd Ave. N. W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 3V1. Annual dues are \$3.00.

The Canadian Large Cents Club has issued a new wooden nickel to celebrate its fifth anniversary and Coin Week - 1980. C.L.C.C. members will receive their copy of the wood with the club newsletter. The woods are NOT for sale, but collectors may request one wood by sending a SASE to: Gary C. Littrell, 4300 Prairie Ave., Apt. 41, Amarillo, Texas 79109, U. S. A. Only 100 woods are available and will be distributed on a first come-first served basis. Woods will be mailed out in the Spring before Coin Week. The wood wood is reproduced below.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members who have joined in the last couple of months. They are:

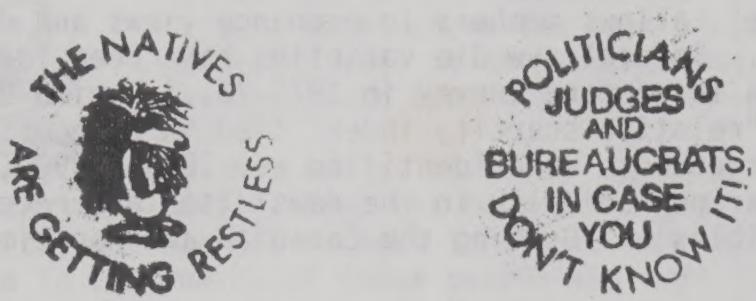
Mr. Larry A. Richmond, 5 Amm Street, Bradford, PA 16701, U. S. A.
 Mr. John O'Brien, 125 Oxford Street, Fredericton, N. B., E3B 2W4
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 Mr. Gordon Burkowski, 1309 Castlegreen Dr., Thunder Bay, Ont., P7A 7R2
 Mr. Glenn R. Norman, P. O. Box 1041, Oakville, Ont., L6J 5E9

EXTRAS AVAILABLE

Extras of the wood sent out with the January issue of Timber Talk (A & A Hobby Helpers) are available at a cost of 25¢ apiece from: Mr. Alf Wrigley, Box 7221, Station E, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 3M1

FREEBEE INCLUDED

We are indebted to Mr. Gary Littrell, Amarillo, Texas for the "Natives are Restless" wood being sent out to members with this issue of Timber Talk. Considering the nature of the piece, your Editor decided to hold it until the February issue and dedicate it to the candidates in the Federal election.



SPECIAL NOTE

The Editor was requested by one of our members to include the following message:

"Thank you, Canada, for helping our hostages. Friends like you we cannot do without."

Lois & John Morsello,
 Havertown, PA., U. S. A."

Rumour has it that the Calgary Numismatic Society is planning to issue a new wood to coincide with the club's coin show on April 26 and 27. More info when available.

Your Editor changed jobs just before Christmas and is now sitting behind a desk all day ---gaining weight steadily.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR C.A.W.M.C. MEMBERSHIP FOR 1980? IF YOU HAVEN'T....W H Y N O T ???